

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

The new soft surface in the playground has been completed and ahead of time, which was very good news, as the children have been able to enjoy playing on the climbing frame and balancing on the beams, with a new bouncy surface. They also like the orange colour very much - it certainly brightens up that area of the small playground. We have been so impressed with the team who completed the work (it is the first time that I can recall any works being completed early and the contractors were also so patient and kind towards the children, answering all their questions) that we have asked them back to look at installing nets on the Astroturf and a safety surface around walls of the pitch. This is a suggestion by School Council as there are so many more children playing football at playtimes and lunchtimes, due to the fabulous work by Jim and Brian running our football clubs and the WP Football League. We will be creating a Calm Corner in the KS1 playground after half term much to the delight of the children! The Calm Corner is hugely popular in the KS2 playground and Year 2 have been busy making straw models and peg dollies and finger knitting, as they have been in the big playground at lunchtimes while the new surface was being installed. We would like to have a dressing up corner for our younger children at lunchtimes, so if you have any old unwanted dressing up clothes, please bring them in to the office. Many thanks. Once more I would please ask you to be mindful of where your children are at the end of the day. A child was accidentally hurt on the gym equipment recently. KS1 children are not supposed to be using it after school.

The whole school cycle training has started very well and the Year 6 children have made an impressive start with nearly all passing at the end of the week, although cycling **UP** Lordship Road was a bit hard. I watched them and was very glad that it was them doing it and not me!

Have a lovely weekend!  
Best wishes  
Karen

## Eco-Schools



William Patten Primary School

has been given this award to recognise their achievement in working towards a sustainable lifestyle.



We are thrilled to announce that William Patten has been awarded the 'Eco Schools Bronze Award' in recognition of all the things we have been doing to support environmental issues and promote sustainability. Laura shared the news with the Eco Team last week, and the children were delighted that the meetings they attend and the projects they will be undertaking have been recognised and rewarded. We will be proudly displaying our award in the reception area, so make sure you take a look! The Eco Team are gearing up to complete the RSPB Big Bird Watch on February 11<sup>th</sup>, in Clissold Park, some have already been telling Laura which bird species they have spotted on their travels to and from school. Another exciting date for the diary will be Fairtrade Fortnight, which will be celebrated in school from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. More details to follow soon!

**Happy Lunar New Year** to all of our families who celebrated this week. We enjoyed a very special meal on Wednesday. Thank you to the kitchen team, who cooked a delicious lunch of sweet and sour chicken, noodles with stir fried vegetables and spring rolls, followed by pineapples and lychees. We enjoyed sharing fortune cookies and eating with chopsticks too!



### Year 2 walk around Stoke Newington

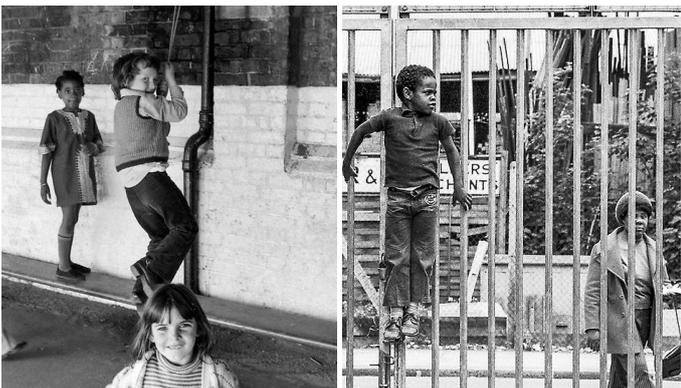
Yesterday Year 2 went on a fieldwork walk around Stoke Newington as part of their Geography unit 'Local Area'. They had many different tasks to complete along the way – marking their route on a map, finding local places of interest and navigating using a compass! They found both human and physical features of Stoke Newington and enjoyed the experience of first hand fieldwork!



We were recently sent a link to Neil Martinson's website <https://neilmartinson.photoshelter.com> and amongst the many fabulous photographs is a section called the Hackney Archive and within that there is a section called Hackney Young People 1970s and 1980s.

Look at what we found - amazing pictures of children and staff of William Patten from that era! Some things never change like the number of plates for lunch or children having fun at playtime. The portacabin classroom in the playground (which was Carole's classroom when she was in Year 2!) and the old fire gates have gone, and the old builders' merchants is now Whole Foods.

Neil has published a book called 'The Hackney Archive: Work and Life 1971-1986', which is available to buy from 6th February 2020. We will be buying a copy to put in our library to share with our children and our staff (quite a few came to WP – Wendy, Carole, Jill – and their mum Edna, Cem, Marion B, Rhoksana and Billy). The book will also support our history curriculum, when we study our local area.



On Friday Imogen, from the Freshwater Theatre Company, ran a workshop with EYFS children linked to our topic of Traditional Tales. Children became story explorers and used their sense of sight, hearing, smell and touch to find clues to hunt for stories. During the workshop children listened to and role-played the Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Ugly Duckling. They were able to join in the repetitive phrases from these familiar tales and enjoyed becoming some of the characters in these stories.

Imogen was overwhelmed by the children's behaviour and the informed contributions that EYFS children made during the workshop!



### Year 4 trip to the British Museum

To round off their amazing topic on the Anglo-Saxons, Year 4 visited the British Museum this week. They had carried out in-depth research on an Anglo-Saxon artefact in class and it was very gratifying to see it in real life. Although they were quite surprised at how small it actually was! After examining artefacts recovered from the Sutton Hoo site in Suffolk, the children wrote a script for a news report on their findings and presented it using a green screen. They learned how to analyse things from the past, edit a news reel and how to present professionally.

"This was the best trip this year!" (Floris)



### Maths Hub visit

The school was visited by members of the London North East and London Thames Maths Hub this week. The visitors met with Karen and Craig, observed a Maths lesson in 3L and spoke to members of the school council and children from all year groups about their learning in maths. The visitors were very positive about the work of the school, as well as the hard work and positive attitude of the children. The consistent approach to maths teaching across the school was noted as well as the school's positive ethos - 'We'd like to say a huge thank you to the staff and children at your school for the warm welcome we received and for showcasing all the work you have done to develop Teaching for Mastery over the past 2 years. The enthusiasm and passion your pupils had for Mathematics was infectious. They clearly enjoy their Maths lessons and were excited about the challenges and opportunities that Maths can offer'. The findings of the visit will be used to inform the DfE's ongoing review of the impact of the National Maths Hubs programme as a means to embed the pedagogy of teaching for mastery.



## Children's Mental Health Week

is run by Place2Be to focus on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is...

### 'FIND YOUR BRAVE'

We will launch the week in special assemblies on Monday and pupils will be thinking about how to find their own 'brave' as well as talking about mental health.

#### What can Parents do?

1. Remind your child that bravery comes in many forms and everyone is different.
2. Chat to your child about a time when you have had to FIND YOUR BRAVE. It might have been something big or small.
3. Praise your child when they've tried something outside of their comfort zone which boosted their confidence.
4. Point out examples of bravery in books and films.
5. Reassure your child that not feeling brave is ok too and that sometimes it's difficult to be brave.

You can find a list of organisations that provide support and advice at

[www.place2be.org.uk/contacts](http://www.place2be.org.uk/contacts)



Further support including: top tips for you and your child, 20 activities for 20 minutes, starting the conversation, how to talk to you child about social media and the internet, having difficult conversations and access to a parent's lounge, can be found at [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

They also have a parent helpline on 0808-802-5544.

### Year 1 lines in the morning

As you know, the playground is very busy in the mornings and Year 1 line up on the Astroturf and then walk into school. We ask the children to walk in a straight line and keep close to the person in front of them. The Year 1 children have been finding it quite hard recently because adults, particularly those with buggies, are walking straight through their lines. The children stop to let them through, but then have to catch up with the rest of the class. I appreciate that when parents have dropped their child off, they may have other commitments and need to leave the playground quickly, but I would ask that everyone is mindful of our younger children as they enter the school building in the mornings. Thank you for your support.

### Year 1 Science

Year 1 have been thinking about how animals can be classified in their Science topic this week. They were told that some of enclosures at London Zoo were faulty and that the animals were all mixed up! They were given a challenge to sort the animals in different ways based on their characteristics. Some chose fur or no fur, some chose to sort them by their number of legs, and some even tried to organise them by whether they could fly or swim! They worked like scientists by making lots of fantastic observations and asking questions. They are really looking forward to observing some animals in real life on their trip to Spitalfields City Farm next week!



### Cycling Confident

Our Year 6 children have started their 'Cycle Confident' training. The aim is to give children the skills and knowledge to use a bike safely and effectively, gradually building their confidence so that they are able to transfer their skills to cycling on roads. They are taught in small groups under the supervision of Wilson and Salma, our cycling instructors. By the summer holidays, every child, from Nursery to Year 6, will have taken part in cycle training sessions.



Hackney Council, in partnership with Cycle Confident, also offer **FREE** holiday courses, for children and adults of all levels. See below for further details.

**BEYOND BIKEABILITY**  
Your child has completed their Bikeability course but this is just the beginning!

further **FREE** cycle skills courses are available every school holiday

**CYCLE CONFIDENT** Hackney

Bikeability is a great way for your child to start learning about cycling in Hackney.

If you'd like to book them on to further courses in the school holidays, Hackney Council, in partnership with Cycle Confident, offers places free of charge\* for trainees of all levels (from complete beginner to on-road).

**Other FREE cycle skills training:**

- Individual sessions for children, adults or family groups
- Adult group training (all levels) at weekends
- Child learn-to-ride group training at weekends

\*Cycle training is **FREE** for anyone who lives, works or studies in the borough of Hackney

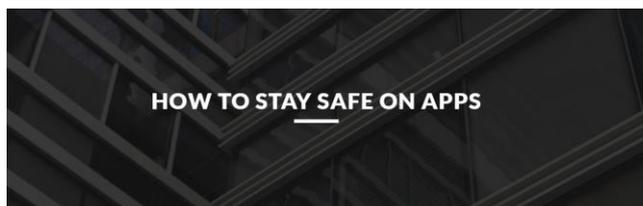
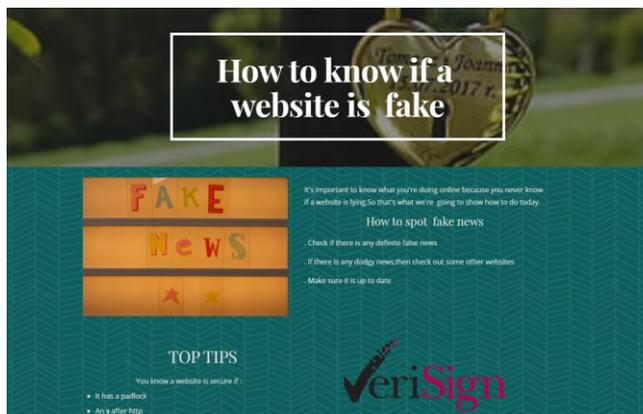
Check the website or call Cycle Confident for more details and to book places:  
[www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney](http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney)  
t: 0203 031 6730

## Safer Internet

Year 5 have become web developers and e-safety experts in recent weeks, with each class creating and curating an informative website about how to keep oneself safe online. Building on their understanding of the opportunities the internet offers for collaboration, the children paired up and each partnership planned, designed and developed a page for the shared site. In researching for their pages, Year 5 have continued to learn about acceptable online behaviour, and how to use shared systems safely and responsibly. They have also developed their understanding of search technologies and how to use them effectively. The final results look very professional - well done Year 5!



If you're in sticky situations this is the website to help.



By PAIGE & LUNA



## Good Deeds tea parties, up and running again!

We are excited to announce that Karen's famous tea parties have started again! A number of children have been nominated five times in Good Deeds assembly and were treated to a special afternoon tea with Karen. Congratulations to Amaia, Amber, Aras, Enzo and Triston.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Raphael, Gracie, Yoshi, Bruno, Agatha, Phoebe K, Ailbhe, Louie, Alisa, Romy, Beatrix, Asya, Naim, Margot, Hamza and Zora who recently celebrated their special day. Happy birthday to you all.

## PTFA Lottery



### Results of the December lottery draw:

1st prize, £40, Marion Kiely (Phoebe, Y5 teacher)  
 2nd prize, £30, Jo Evans (ex-parent)  
 3rd prize, £20, Jane Kellock (ex-parent)

### Results of the January lottery draw:

1st prize, £40, Sian Davies (no introduction needed)  
 2nd prize, £30, Barbara Delion (Alex Y5, Zach Y3)  
 3rd prize, £20, Lena Corner (Ellis Y3)

Thank you to everyone who takes part in the lottery which raises a lot of money for the PTFA. If you would like to join, please collect a form from the school office or contact Jasmine (Cecily, 5E and Vita 3C) at [Jasminedick1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Jasminedick1@yahoo.co.uk)

## Cross country running

Thursday 30th January saw the penultimate round of the Hackney Schools Cross Country event. With teams from 23 different schools across the borough, the competition was stiff and with the final round of the event coming up next week, there are still many places up for grabs. Both our boys and girls teams ran with a lot of heart and commitment and we had some fantastic individual and team performances on the day. I couldn't be more proud of them all. Bring on the final race! Jim Brooks



## Attendance Chart



RC are the winners this week with **97.8%**. Well done to the children in Cyrelle's class – excellent attendance!

Rec Cyrelle	97.8%
Rec Kate/Maria	97.1%
Y1 Charlotte	97.4%
Y1 Maya	96.7%
Y2 Laura	96.4%
Y2 Sophie	97.4%
Y3 Luke	97.5%
Y3 Christine	97.3%
Y4 Hannah	96.2%
Y4 Marion	95.9%
Y5 Ellen	97%
Y5 Yeter	95.8%
Y6 Ben	96.1%
Y6 Harriet	97.5%



3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week Showkids workshop for Year 3 Year 5 cycle training all week Diverse Voices workshops continuing (Y6)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day workshops (+ Thur/Fri)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 to Spitalfields City Farm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 cycle training all week
11th	NSPCC Stay Safe assemblies
13 <sup>th</sup>	Tastes of the World
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Seacole workshop for Year 2 Break up for half term
24 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school

## Headlice



We have a few cases of headlice throughout school at the moment and need your help to get on top of it before it gets worse. Please can you check your child's hair this weekend and treat if necessary. We really need a whole school response to address the problem. Thank you!